

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

STATE OF NEW YORK, STATE OF HAWAI'I,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA, STATE OF
COLORADO, STATE OF CONNECTICUT,
STATE OF DELAWARE, STATE OF ILLINOIS,
STATE OF MARYLAND, COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS, STATE OF NEVADA,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, STATE OF NEW
MEXICO, STATE OF OREGON, STATE OF
RHODE ISLAND, STATE OF WASHINGTON,
and STATE OF WISCONSIN,

Plaintiffs,

v.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION and
BRIAN STONE, in his official capacity as acting
director of the National Science Foundation,

Defendants.

C.A. No. 25-cv-4452

**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF
MOTION TO ADMIT COUNSEL
*PRO HAC VICE***

I, Leonard Giarrano IV, being duly sworn, hereby depose and say as follows:

1. I am a Special Assistant Attorney General with the Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General.
2. I submit this affidavit in support of my motion for admission to practice *pro hac vice* in the above-captioned matter.
3. As shown in the Certificate of Good Standing annexed hereto, I am a member in good standing of the bar of the state of Rhode Island.
4. There are no pending disciplinary proceedings against me in any state or federal court.
5. I have never been convicted of a felony.

6. I have never been censured, suspended, disbarred, or denied admission or readmission by any court.

7. Wherefore, your affiant respectfully submits that they be permitted to appear as counsel and advocate *pro hac vice* in Case No. 25-cv-4452 for the State of Rhode Island.

Dated: June 2, 2025



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